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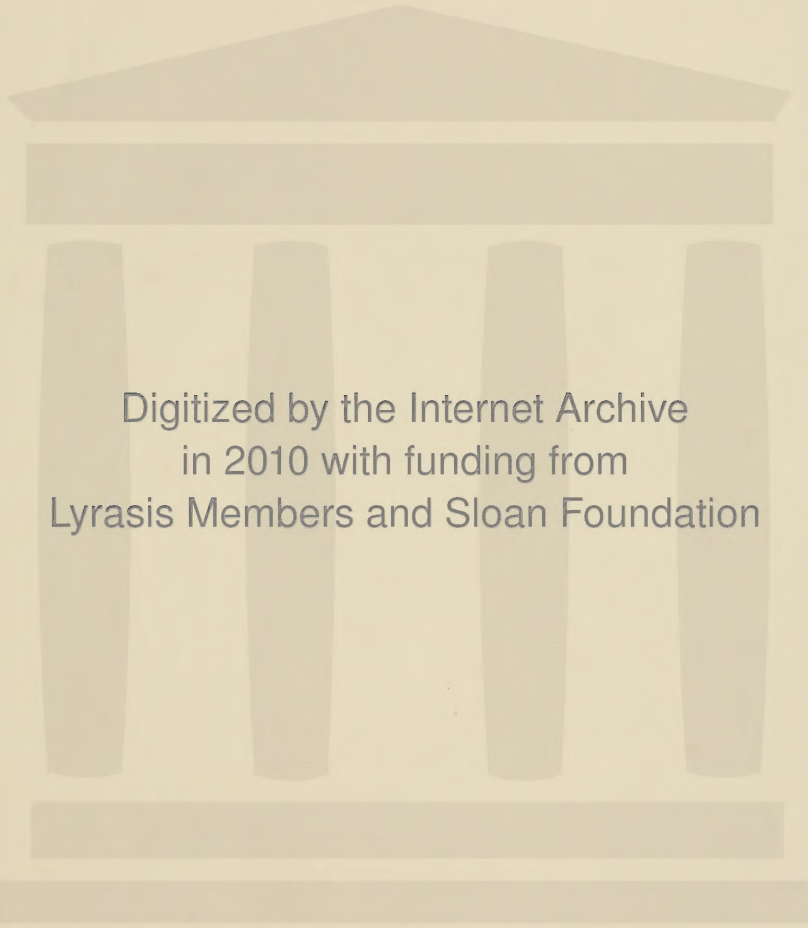
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And 165 graduating seniors . . .

93rd Commencement Spotlights Five Alumni

Five outstanding alumni, including a college president, national television correspondent, two ministers and an oriental scholar, will be featured at Presbyterian College's 93rd Commencement for 165 graduating seniors on June 3.

Dr. William B. Boyd '46, president of Central Michigan University, is scheduled to deliver the commencement address after being awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree. Joining him in the receiving of honorary degrees will be:

Douglas Kiker '52, Washington news correspondent with the National Broadcasting Company, doctor of letters; Thomas W. Horton, Jr. '45, Presbyterian minister serving as executive-secretary of Charleston Presbytery, doctor of divinity; and John N. Somerville '50, Harvard University PhD candidate in East Asia studies and professor of history at Sung Jon University in Korea, doctor of literature.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Charles Benz, Jr. '47, minister of Atlanta's Morningside Presbyterian Church and father of 1973 graduating senior Steve Benz.

William B. Boyd '46

Bill Boyd is completing his fifth year as president of Central Michigan University. He moved into that position in mid-1968 after two years as vice-chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, and prior to that was director of the honors program at Ohio State University's College of Arts and Sciences (1965-66), dean of Alma College (1958-65) and a Michigan State faculty member (1953-58). A native of Mount Pleasant, S. C., he earned his BA at Presbyterian in 1946 after three years of Navy service, his MA at Emory University and his PhD in history at the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania. Alma College has awarded him an honorary LL.D.

Douglas Kiker '52

Doug Kiker, part of NBC television's widely praised news team which covered the Democratic and Republican convention last fall, has been based in Washington since October, 1971. He held that same post previously, from 1966 to 1969, and between these assignments was NBC News' Rome correspondent. Kiker was the **New York Herald Tribune's** White House correspondent before he joined NBC in 1966 and was in Dallas covering President Kennedy's trip at the time of his assassination. Earlier in his career, Kiker served as information director for the Peace Corps and as Washington correspondent for the **Atlanta Journal**. A native of Griffin, Ga., he earned his BA at PC in 1952, served in the Navy and later taught naval history at the Officers' Candidate School. He is the author of two novels.

Thomas W. Horton, Jr. '45

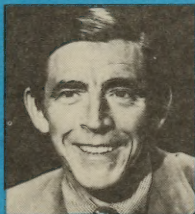
Tom Horton has served Charleston Presbytery his entire ministry. After receiving his BA degree from PC and his divinity degree from Columbia Seminary, he was ordained in 1948 to serve the Sullivans Island and Mount Pleasant churches. Mount Pleasant called him fulltime in 1951, and he remained there until he became executive-secretary of the presbytery in 1961. In addition to his development of the presbytery program, Horton has been moderator and permanent clerk of the Synod of South Carolina. This Spartanburg native has for the past year served as chairman of the Convention of Synod G, which is combining

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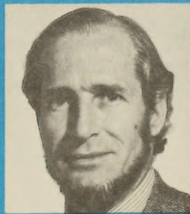
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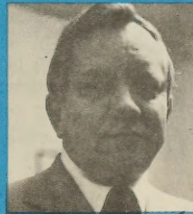
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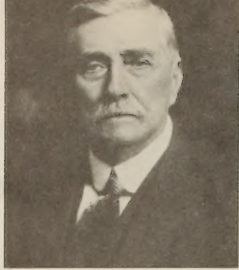
the South Carolina and Georgia synods into the newly named Synod of the Southeast.

John N. Somerville '50

John Somerville has completed all of his residency work, on full fellowship, toward obtaining Harvard's first PhD in oriental philosophy. He was appointed a Presbyterian Church US missionary to Korea in 1953. From 1959 to 1964 he was on the faculty of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, then put in four years of graduate study at Harvard. His next tour in Korea (1968-72) was as professor of history at Sung Jon University in Taejon, the assignment to which he will return in August. A native of Guthries, S. C., Somerville received his BS in chemistry at PC in 1950, his BD at Columbia Seminary, MA in oriental philosophy at Songgyun-gwan University, Korea and his MA in East Asian studies at Harvard. Along the way he has mastered three languages—Korean, Japanese and Chinese.

C. Charles Benz, Jr. '47

Charles Benz last year became minister of the Morningside Presbyterian Church of Atlanta after spending the previous ten years as pastor of the Lakewood Church of Jacksonville, Fla. Prior to that he was assistant pastor of the South Jacksonville Church (1950-52). Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Benz received his BA degree from Presbyterian College in 1947 and his BD from Columbia Theological Seminary.



He started family tradition:

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A \$100,000 gift from the Bailey Foundation of Clinton establishes the Mercer Silas Bailey Scholarship at Presbyterian College to honor the memory of an outstanding business and civic leader who helped to found this institution and an unusual family tradition here.

President Marc C. Weersing said the income from this endowment gift will be used to provide funds for well-qualified students who need financial assistance to attend PC. He added:

"As it has in other crucial times for PC, the Bailey Foundation gives a boost to our program when we are striving to create funds for vital scholarship needs of superior young men and women who simply cannot attend college without financial help. Because society needs the type of resourceful leadership PC develops, we place top priority on our current effort to increase our scholarship endowment by \$1.25 million as soon as possible."

Mercer S. Bailey launched Clinton on its business and industrial course, and started a family tradition for enlightened civic and philanthropic leadership. Each succeeding generation has contributed leadership and support for Presbyterian College, Thornwell Orphanage, the Clinton First Presbyterian Church and more recently Bailey Memorial Hospital.

First came Bailey's Bank in 1886, now one of South Carolina's strongest as M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers. The cotton mill he established in 1896 has grown to the modern four-plant Clinton Mills complex.

Mercer S. Bailey was one of the three men who

first determined to found a college here and made the first donations for this purpose. He was one of the original trustees who enabled the Rev. William Plumer Jacobs to establish the College in 1880 in classrooms on the Thornwell Orphanage campus and worked with him to make PC rise from this humble beginning.

The four sons of Mercer S. Bailey also were influential in shaping the history of the College. As trustee, treasurer or chairman of the investment committee, Joe A. Bailey was connected with PC from 1880 to 1929. Putsey S. Bailey, Sr., was a trustee from 1894 to 1899 and again from 1894 to 1898. Cassius M. Bailey served on the board from 1918 to 1935; and William J. Bailey served two terms, 1890-98 and 1929-48. One of M. S. Bailey's daughters, Emma, was the daughter-in-law of another trustee, George H. Cornelson of Orangeburg.

Among the grandsons, P. S. (Si) Bailey was a trustee from 1949 until his death in 1958; and Robert M. Vance, now president of both the bank and the mills, is in his 20th year as a board member, ten of these as chairman. Great-Grandson George H. Cornelson, executive vice-president of Clinton Mills, rotated off the board of trustees in 1968 after a nine-year tenure. He continues to maintain his strong interest.

Presbyterian College already has a Cassius M. Bailey Scholarship and the William J. Bailey Dormitory, the result of earlier gifts, so it is altogether fitting that a scholarship now memorializes the individual who started the family tradition.

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